

# St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C

1 & 2 FEBRUARY 2025

### PARISH MASS TIMES

#### Weekends:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil  
Sunday 9:00am  
Sunday 10:30am



#### Weekdays:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration  
7:00pm Mass & Confession  
(Reconciliation)

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am  
Adoration & Confession (Reconciliation)

### MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am  
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

**BAPTISMS  
RECONCILIATION  
FOR THE SICK  
MARRIAGES  
FUNERALS**

**Parish Priest:**  
**Fr Shansana 0437 884 233**



### ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,  
we humbly implore your majesty  
that, just as your Only Begotten Son  
was presented on this day in the Temple  
in the substance of our flesh,  
so, by your grace,  
we may be presented to you with minds made pure.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### SELF REFLECTION: FAITHFUL EXPECTATION

*This Sunday's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40 describes the presentation of Jesus in the temple and the prophecy of Simeon and Anna, two devout individuals who recognise the child as the Messiah.*

- *Am I living with anticipation for God's promises, even when they feel distant?*
- *Do I trust His timing, or do I get discouraged when things don't unfold the way I expect?*
- *How can I share this message of inclusivity and hope in my own life?*
- *Am I attentive to the Holy Spirit's guidance in my life?*

*Lord, thank You for the example of Simeon and Anna, who faithfully awaited Your promises. Help me to be patient and trusting in Your perfect timing, even when I don't understand Your ways. May I live with anticipation and devotion, always seeking Your guidance through the Holy Spirit. Like Simeon, let me recognise Your presence in my life and share Your light with others. Strengthen my faith and help me remain steadfast in hope, knowing that Your promises are always true. Amen.*

**First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:****R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!****Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 (JB)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He had to be made like us in all things.*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*My eyes have seen your saving power.*

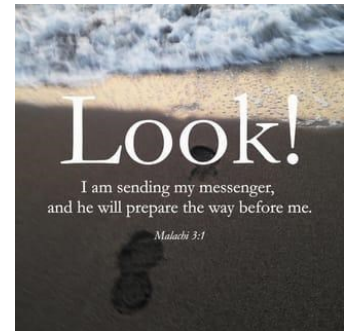
When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.****Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**  
**Sunday February 2, 2025**  
**Luke 2:22-40**

In Luke 2:22-40, we encounter a pivotal moment in the life of Jesus: His presentation in the temple. Mary and Joseph, in obedience to Jewish law, bring the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. There, they meet two faithful individuals—Simeon and Anna—who recognize the child as the promised Messiah. Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, praises God upon seeing Jesus, declaring that he has seen the salvation of Israel, which is also a light to the Gentiles. Anna, a prophetess, also acknowledges Jesus as the one who will redeem Jerusalem and shares the news with others.

This passage highlights several key themes of the Gospel. First, it underscores God's faithfulness to His promises. Simeon's proclamation that he can now die in peace after seeing Jesus is a powerful testimony of the fulfillment of God's word. Simeon had waited for the consolation of Israel, and upon seeing Jesus, he knew that God had delivered on His promise (Luke 2:25-30). This reminds us of the importance of trusting in God's promises, even when they may take time to be fulfilled.

Second, we see the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding and revealing God's plan. Simeon was "moved by the Spirit" (Luke 2:27), and Anna also was continually in the temple, praying and worshiping. Their awareness of God's presence shows the importance of staying attuned to the Holy Spirit, especially when God is doing something significant in our lives.

Another key aspect of this passage is the universal scope of salvation. Simeon's words in verse 32, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel," reveal that Jesus' mission is not limited to the Jewish people but is for all nations. This foreshadows the expansive nature of the Gospel, which will eventually be spread to the Gentiles.

Finally, the passage shows the quiet but powerful role of women in the story of redemption, particularly through Anna, who is described as a prophetess. Her testimony, though brief, is crucial in proclaiming Jesus as the Redeemer. In a time when women's voices were often marginalized, Anna's presence highlights the inclusivity of the Gospel and God's desire to use all people to proclaim His truth.

*Source: OpenAI ChatGPT (2025)*

**LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**FEBRUARY**

- Monday 3 Readings: Heb 11:32-40. Mk 5:1-20.  
**R:** Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.  
**St Blaise, bishop, martyr. St Ansgar, bishop.**
- Tuesday 4 Readings: Heb 12:1-4. Mk 5:21-43.  
**R:** They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.
- Wednesday 5 Readings: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15. Mk 6:1-6.  
**R:** The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.  
**St Agatha, virgin, martyr.**
- Thursday 6 Readings: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24. Mk 6:7-13.  
**R:** God, in your temple, we ponder your love.  
**St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs.**
- Friday 7 Readings: Heb 13:1-8. Mk 6:14-29.  
**R:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.
- Saturday 8 Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21.  
**R:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
**St Jerome Emiliani. St Josephine Bakhita, virgin.**



"The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us!"

"If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian today."

"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate!"

-Assorted Quotes of St. Josephine Bakhita

ASSORTED QUOTES OF  
**St. Josephine Bakhita**  
1869 - 1947  
Patron Saint of Sudan  
Memorial - 8 February

*Source: Ordo 2024*



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

**For vocations to priestly and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life.

## THANK YOU FROM JESSIE GUIANA

A special thank you to dear Fr Michael Kelly and Paul Camilleri. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful funeral service you provided for my husband, Joe. Your words and prayers brought so much comfort to me and my family during this difficult time. The love and care you both put into the service truly honored Joe's memory, and I will always be thankful for that.

I would also like to extend my love and thanks to everyone who was there for me, offering their support and prayers. It means the world to know I am surrounded by such kind and compassionate people.

With sincere thanks and love,  
Jessie Guiana

## FATHER ALBERIC'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise Father Alberic's birthday celebration a couple of weeks ago! Your efforts made it such a memorable occasion for him, and I know he truly appreciated it.

Here's a photo from the day to cherish the wonderful moments we shared. Thank you again for all your kindness and support!



## REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:



### CARMEL RUSSO

(The late Santa Russo's daughter)



Carmel passed away on the morning of Tuesday 28 January 2025.

The funeral service will be held at St Joseph Church Enfield at 10.30am on Tuesday 4 Feb 2025.

The burial will be at around 1pm at Castle Cemetery with a wake at Canada Bay Club starting from 2pm until 4pm.

*Eternal Rest grant to her O Lord,  
And let the Perpetual light shine upon her,  
May she Rest in Peace.  
Amen*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with  
The Russo families.*

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 16 February.

The Presenter is Jeff Kildea, Barrister and Historian on the topic *Tragedy and farce: The Sister Liguori story*

Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge.

Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history are on the [website](#).

Enquiries may be directed to [secretaryachs@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryachs@gmail.com)

## DRAFT ROSTER

**Draft Roster is now at the Sacristy window. Please check your names.**

## PIETY SHOP NEWS

**The Piety Shop will re-open early February!**

## In Our Parish

*(please let us know if you would like someone added here)*

**We welcome into God's family, all who were recently baptised.**

**We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Charlie Micallef, Brother Mario, Father Alberic.**

**We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died,  
Especially Carmel Russo, Margaret McKinley, Joe Guiana,  
Michael Swan (Therese Murphy's brother), Vanessa Papandrea,  
Biagio Abignano, Phil Dailey, Brother Peter Hancock, Brother Terry & Colleen Bennett**

**~ May they rest in Peace.**



## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

This week volunteer of the week nomination goes to a few people:

**EAMON BURKE** - removing of fallen tree.  
**TYRONE ELCHAAR** - helping Joe collect fallen branches.  
**CAROL AVIANI** - organising Fr Alberic's birthday.

Your thoughtfulness and reliability mean so much, and we truly appreciate all the little things you do to make life easier for everyone. Thank you again!

*If you know someone who deserves to be recognised as next week's volunteer, please send an email to the parish.*

## HOLY HERITAGE A PILGRIMAGE TO THE PHILIPPINES! 16 February to 24 February 2025

All are welcome to join our pilgrimage and immerse yourselves in a spiritual journey through the rich and vibrant culture of the Philippines! Explore renowned churches and sacred sites, guided by our chaplain, Fr David Ranson!

For inquiries:

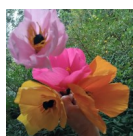
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## ST BENEDICT'S MAKER'S TABLE

*Song of Solomon 2:1-2 - I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. As a lily among brambles, so is my love among the young women.*



### Paper Flowers workshop

**Wednesday 5th February**

7.30 - 9.30pm in the meeting room  
\$10 cash donation per participant  
(sorry, no card facilities this time)

RSVP to Martine 0458 533 250 or  
[themakerstablesydney@gmail.com](mailto:themakerstablesydney@gmail.com)  
by Tuesday 4th Feb

At our first workshop for the year we will be making colourful crepe paper poppies and magnolias.  
Hope you can join us!

## CATECHISTS' NEWS

**Our first Catechist meeting will be held this Wednesday 5th February at 10am.** Teacher's Manuals and student workbooks will be handed out at this meeting. I encourage all to attend, thanks.

Classroom Management training will be held at the same time from 10am – 12:30 pm in the parish training room.

SRE starting dates –

Galston and Glenorie – Wednesday 19th February  
Arcadia, Hillside and Middle Dural – yet to be confirmed

If you are free on Wednesday or Friday mornings during school terms and love being with children, why not consider joining this worthwhile ministry. Training, support and books are provided.

Catechist Vacancies:

Arcadia Public School on

*Wednesdays 12 – 12:30pm*

Glenorie Public School on

*Wednesdays 10:50am – 11:30am*

Hillside Public School on

*Fridays 8:50am – 9:35am*

Middle Dural Public School on

*Wednesdays 9 – 9:40am*

If you are interested please contact myself or Paula at the parish office or any of our priests.

God bless,  
Miriam Brown [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)  
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator



## ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

**St. Benedict's Youth Group Announcement  
COMMENCING FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**



- **Fridays SCHOOL TERM**
- Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Ages: 8-12 years old

If you are aged 14-16 and would like to help out, please email the parish office. All our youth leaders have Working With Children Checks.

Thank you, Gabe & Jules!

## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every **Monday 2.00pm.**  
Everyone welcome.



For more details call

Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.

## CRAFT GROUP

The quilting and craft group will meet every **4th Tuesday** of the month at 10.30am in the parish meeting room.

Bring your craft and come and join us!

## CCC PRAYER GROUP



Prayer meeting held every **Wednesday morning:**  
after 9.30am Mass.

*Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!*

For more details call  
Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

# SAINT OF THE WEEK

## Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Feast Day: February 5



**Patron Saint of breast cancer patients, martyrs, rape victims, bellfounders, and bakers  
Invoked against earthquakes, natural disasters, and fires**

**Quote:**

*O Lord who made and created me, and have kept me from my infancy, ... who took from me the love of the world, who have kept my body from pollution, who made me to overcome the executioner's torments, iron, fire and chains, who gave me the virtue of patience in the midst of torments, I pray Thee to receive my spirit.*

*~1529 Roman Breviary*

Saint Agatha was born in either Palermo or Catania, Sicily around the year 231 and died a martyr's death in Catania around the year 251 during the persecution of Christians ordered by the Roman emperor Decius. Early devotion to her is attested to by the fact that she is one of the seven virgin martyrs listed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I in today's Missal). Much of what is written about her life emerged centuries later, leaving its historical accuracy in question.

According to those later traditions, Agatha was born into a wealthy noble family. At the age of fifteen, she made a vow of virginity, choosing to devote herself and her wealth solely to Christ, her divine Spouse. The local Roman Prefect Quintianus's unholy desire to possess Agatha's beauty and wealth led him to propose marriage, but Agatha consistently refused him.

Capitalizing on the Emperor Decius' decree in 250 that all citizens must offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, Quintianus had Agatha arrested and threatened her with torture and death, hoping she would renounce her Catholic faith and accept his offer of marriage. Instead, she deepened her devotion to Christ and once again refused him.

Quintianus next imprisoned Agatha in the local brothel, thinking she would lose her virginity and then change her mind. Agatha, however, remained steadfast in her purity and faith.

Deeply angered, Quintianus had Agatha stretched on a rack, her flesh torn with iron hoods, burned with torches, and whipped. He then ordered that Agatha's breasts be twisted and torn and then be cut off. After being sent back to prison in this mutilated state, Agatha saw Saint Peter appear to her and miraculously heal her wounds.

When Agatha appeared before Quintianus four days later, healed of her wounds, the prefect was shocked but his heart remained obstinate. This time he stripped Agatha of her clothing and made her roll over burning coals and sharp stones. An earthquake occurred, killing two of Quintianus' companions. The people of the town were outraged at what Quintianus had done and blamed him for the earthquake. Again, Quintianus did not budge. After being sent back to prison, Agatha prayed and surrendered her spirit to the Lord, Who received her into her heavenly home.

*Saint Agatha, you offered your life to Christ and were faithful to your last breath. Please pray for me, that I may be single-hearted in my fidelity to the will of God and devoted to Him above all earthly fears and evils, trusting in Him until the end. Saint Agatha, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: [mycatholic.life](http://mycatholic.life)

**Vox Populi**  
30 January 2025

In 1997, Pope St John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life.

This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this Sunday, February 2.

Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolising Christ who is the light of the world.

So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass on this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.”

Also on this day we thank God for the gift of the different forms of consecrated life and pray that our Church will continue to be enriched by the life and witness of consecrated men and women.

In the Church, the religious sisters, brothers, and priests stand as a rich testimony to the blessings and grace God bestows upon those who have embraced the consecrated life.

All are welcome to join Bishop Anthony on Sunday for the 9.30am Holy Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara as we pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and thank them on their special day.

May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ, reflecting His light to all peoples as they continue to respond generously and courageously to God’s gift of their vocation.

Blessings, *Bishop Anthony*

### LITURGICAL FORMATION SERIES

Throughout the year we will be hosting a number of formation opportunities for those interested and engaged in Liturgical Ministries. Please see date claimers below:

- Saturday 15 March – The Art of Celebrating Holy Week
- Saturday 10 May – Back to Basics
- Saturday 16 August – RCIA – Practical Foundations | Liturgical Fundamentals | Ongoing Formation
- Saturday 25 October – Rekindle Our Wonder

For more information, or to register your interest, please email [mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)

### FIRST FRUITS OFFERING 2025

**Our First Fruits Offering is coming in two weeks (February 2025)**

God calls us to be generous with all our gifts. Stewardship means giving back to God in gratitude for all He has given us, including giving from our treasure.

Our First Fruits Offering starts two weekends from now. This program is essential to support funding our Maintenance and other special projects. Our Parishioners will hear about our plans and be asked to pray and reflect on their financial commitment to our St Benedict’s Parish. The Parish Pastoral and Finance Committees will assist us with facilitating the program.

More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your interest in serving our Parish.

God Bless you!



**SERVE YOUR PARISH**  
THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

“Our Parish communities, much like our own households, rely on financial resources to operate and to thrive. God fulfills this need through you - **you are the Parish.**”



+ Anthony Mandoffo



St Francis of Assisi  
**“FOR IT IS IN GIVING  
THAT WE RECEIVE”**



Share what God has given you by joining our Planned Giving Program today.

# Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA  
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

8/2/2025 to 9/2/2025  
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

	SATURDAY 7.00pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	George A
Reader1	Maria G	Kath M	Leanne A
Reader2	Edyn V	Judy H	Lorna B
Prayers	Miriam B	Ann L	Eva F
TV		Mary A	Max F
Music		Melanie H	Melanie H
Music		Keith W	Martina J
Music		Pauline H	Jack F
Music		Teresa G	
Morning Tea		Tania T	
FLOWERS	Gabrielle W		

## MONASTERY CHAPEL

### Liturgy of the Hours

"Seven times a day I will praise you" Psalm  
119:164

The liturgy of the hours is a set of prayers  
(psalms, hymns, readings and other prayers).  
It is recited in the Monastery Chapel daily  
at the following times:

5.45am Office of Readings  
6.30am Morning prayer - Lauds  
12.45pm Midday prayer  
6.00pm Evening prayer - Vespers  
8.00pm Night prayer - Compline

ALL are welcome to attend any time.

## PARISH E-BULLETIN

The Parish is offering the Parish bulletin  
electronically in addition to the printed version.

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email,  
please send your email address to the parish  
office at: [arcadia.parish@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.parish@bigpond.com)

Remember, the bulletin is also available weekly  
on the Parish website and Facebook page.



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers,  
we really appreciate it!

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

### SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St Benedict's Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help. These people in our parish can help: Fr Shansana 0437 884 233 - Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882 - Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

For all parish OH&S and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:  
Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.



## Sapientia

Single adults, 18-30 years of age,  
are invited to join the Dominican  
Friars and Sisters for this  
weekend retreat of prayer,  
formation, and fellowship.

7-9 February 2025  
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre  
Douglas Park

For more information or to  
register your interest, complete  
the form or email the Sisters at  
[sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).



YOU ARE CALLED TO BE  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

## JUBILEE 2025

IN THIS HOLY YEAR  
24 DEC 2024 - 6 JAN 2026



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PARISH BANK DETAILS for  
ONLINE only donations:  
BSB: 062 784 Account: 10002141  
Account Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:  
CBA—Catholic Development Fund

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays & Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm  
(School holidays only open Fridays)

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Website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia)

Parish Priest: Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB  
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